

Table II
Classes of Immigrants Issued Visas at Foreign Service Posts
Fiscal Years 2006 - 2010

Class of Immigrant	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Grand Total	449,103	434,411	470,099	468,770	482,052
Family-Sponsored Preference Total	139,753	151,128	169,896	176,273	200,567
<i>First Preference</i>					
Unmarried son or daughter of US citizen and children	15,909	17,128	20,057	18,969	25,740
<i>Second Preference Exempt from Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	14,987	14,602	25,798	29,588	32,423
<i>Second Preference Subject to Country Limitations</i>					
Spouse or child of alien resident, and children	13,109	18,078	19,002	24,687	20,169
Unmarried son or daughter of alien resident, and children	19,435	19,349	16,639	23,157	31,706
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Married son or daughter of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	17,570	18,502	26,540	22,049	31,740
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Brother or sister of U.S. citizen, spouse and children	58,743	63,469	61,860	57,823	58,789
Employment-Based Preference Total	15,744	19,722	13,472	13,846	12,701
<i>First Preference</i>					
Priority worker, spouse and children	4,971	2,749	1,549	1,524	1,971
<i>Second Preference</i>					
Professional holding advanced degree or alien of exceptional ability, spouse and children	931	1,216	1,257	1,270	1,498
<i>Third Preference</i>					
Skilled worker or professional, spouse and children	7,025	12,919	7,245	5,714	5,644
Other worker spouse and children	613	755	886	649	697
<i>Fourth Preference</i>					
Minister of religion spouse and children	433	332	179	172	285
Certain employees or former employees of the U.S. Government abroad, spouse and children	913	1,051	1,126	1,043	1,144
Certain former Panama Canal Company employees or Canal Zone Government spouse and children	0	0	0	0	0
Certain former U.S. Government employees in the canal Zone, Spouse and children	0	1	0	0	2
Certain former Panama Canal Company employees or Canal Zone Government on April 1, 1979, spouse and children	0	0	0	0	0
Certain retired international organization employees and spouse unmarried sons or daughters of int'l org. employees, surviving spouses of deceased int'l org. employees	9	2	5	8	7
Certain religious workers, spouse and children	309	189	115	242	199
Special Immigrant Broadcaster spouse and children	38	37	11	2	115
<i>Fifth Preference</i>					
Employment created outside targeted area, spouse and children	46	26	48	77	105
Employment creation in targeted rural/high unemployment area, spouse and children	388	323	113	96	98
Investor pilot program not in targeted area, spouse and children	0	0	0	0	1
Investor pilot program in targeted area, spouse and children	68	122	938	3,049	935
Alien recruited outside the U.S. who has served or is enlisted to serve in the U.S. Armed forces for 12 years, spouse and children	0	2	1	1	0
Immediate Relative Total	224,187	219,323	238,848	227,517	215,947

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Spouse of U.S. citizen	32,661	34,858	45,967	40,350	45,186
Spouse of U.S. citizen (conditional)	31,591	27,093	29,560	35,489	34,690
Child of U.S. citizen	49,475	46,494	53,338	49,825	46,413
Child of U.S. citizen (conditional)	6,505	6,040	6,183	6,738	6,112
Orphan adopted abroad by U.S. citizen	14,590	13,788	11,573	7,434	4,961
Child adopted abroad by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	-	-	9	546	1,950
Orphan to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen	6,089	5,825	5,871	4,584	3,795
Child to be adopted in U.S. by U.S. citizen under Hague Convention	-	-	0	164	341
Parent of U.S. citizen at least 21 years of age	83,133	85,036	86,189	82,248	72,289
Certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	102	126	109	93	143
Children of certain widow(er)s of U.S. citizens	41	63	49	46	67
 Special Immigrant Total	 766	 1,648	 2,559	 4,324	 3,043
Returning Resident	766	660	752	797	886
Iraqi and Afghan translators, spouse and children	-	988	1,807	3,527	2,157
 Vietnam Amerasian Immigrants	 96	 69	 77	 48	 23
 DV Diversity Immigrants	 44,349	 38,762	 45,246	 46,761	 49,771
 Schedule A Worker	 24,208	 3,757	 0	 0	 0